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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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INFO AMCONSUL TORONTO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMIN, EINV, CA

SUBJECT: SASKATCHEWAN POTASH PLANS

1. IN REGINA DATELINE REPORT APPEARING IN MONTREAL GAZETTE OF DECEMBER 18, SASKATCHEWAN PREMIER BLAKENEY REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS "THAT U.S. HOSTILITY TO THE TAKEOVER DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE AFFECTED THE PROVINCE'S PROSPECTS OF BRORROWING IN THE U.S. MARKET TO FINANCE ITS ACQUISITION OF THE POTASH MINES, WHICH IN MANY CASES ARE U.S. OWNED."

2. ASKED ABOUT USG AIDE MEMOIRE TO GOC, BLAKENEY TOLD PRESS HE HAD SEEN COPY BUT FEELS BOUND NOT TO DIVULGE ITS CONTENTS. "I THINK THE CONTENT WAS NOT SUCH AS TO CAUSE SIGNIFICANT CONCERN FOR ME, BUT THEN AGAIN, THAT'S A JUDGEMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SHOULD MAKE SINCE THEY WILL KNOW BETTER THAN I THE NUANACES THAT MAY BE CONVEYED BY DIPLOMATIC LANGUAGE." BLAKENEY ALSO SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN "A SECOND NOTE" REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

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EM ASKED ABOUT CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY SENATOR TALMADGE,  
BLAKENEY REPORTEDLY SAID HE BELIEVES THE SENATOR IS  
BASICALLY CONCERNED ABOUT ADEQUATE AND FAIRLY-PRICED  
SUPPLIES OF POTASH.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY ASSUMES REFERENCE TO "SECOND NOTE"  
IS PRESS GARBLE; IF NOT, PLEASE ADVISE.  
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